

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA ITEM:		March 2016	
<p align="center">CONSIDERATION OF ISSUANCE OF A SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE OF LICENSE TO TEACH TO TIFFANIE BROOK ATHERTON</p>			
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Section 168.071, RSMo		<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Item
		<input type="checkbox"/> Report Item	
<p>DEPARTMENT GOAL NO. 3:</p> <p>Missouri will prepare, develop, and support effective educators.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p><u>Applicant's Name:</u> Tiffanie Brook Atherton</p> <p>On April 14, 2015, Tiffanie Brook Atherton applied for a substitute certificate of license to teach.</p> <p><u>Offenses:</u></p> <p>On December 10, 2006, Tiffanie Brook Atherton, age 22, operated a motor vehicle while intoxicated.</p> <p>On May 6, 2008, Tiffanie Brook Atherton, age 24, operated a motor vehicle while intoxicated and while her driving privileges were revoked.</p> <p><u>Disposition:</u></p> <p>On March 3, 2007, Ms. Atherton pled guilty and received a suspended imposition of sentence to the Misdemeanor, DWI – Alcohol, in the Circuit Court of New Madrid County, case number 06NM-CR01275. Ms. Atherton was sentenced to two years supervised probation, which was successfully completed on March 9, 2009.</p> <p>On July 7, 2008, Ms. Atherton pled guilty and received a suspended execution of sentence to the Felony, DWI-Alcohol-Persistent Offender and the Misdemeanor, Operating a Motor Vehicle on Highway While Driver License/Privilege is Revoked, in the Circuit Court of Cape Girardeau County, case number 08G9-CR00786. Ms. Atherton was sentenced to five years supervised probation for the Felony charge and two years supervised probation for the Misdemeanor. She was granted an early release on August 19, 2011.</p> <p>PRESENTER:</p> <p>Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality, will assist with the presentation and discussion of this agenda item.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Department recommends that the State Board of Education approve the application of Tiffanie Atherton for a substitute certificate of license to teach.</p>			



DESE - Substitute Certification



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF EDUCATOR QUALITY
EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
POST OFFICE BOX 480
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65102-0480
(573)751-0051

POSSIBLE DISCIPLINE

APPLICATION FOR A SUBSTITUTE CERTIFICATE OF LICENSE TO TEACH

SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

PROFILE

Educator ID: 611395
Name: TIFFANIE BROOK ATHERTON
Address: 815 GREYSTONE CIRCLE

Search

Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

[View Application Checklist](#)

City: WHITEWATER State: MO Zip: 63785-0000
Personal Phone: (573) 271 - 2546
Work Phone: (573) 576 - 7064
Email Address: TBATHERTON1@SEMO.EDU

Edit Contact Information

EDUCATION

State	Institution	Degree	Major	Major	GPA	Graduation Date	Attended To	Student Teaching Date	Transcript Status	Verified
MO	SOUTHEAST MO STATE UNIVERSITY	BACCALAUREATE DEGREE	BIOLOGY	OTHER		05/11/2013	12/01/2014		RECEIVED	

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT (ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED)

Please answer the following questions. If you answer yes to any of the questions, please provide an explanation in the box below.

Have you ever been charged with, convicted or entered a plea, including a plea of nolo contendere, to any felony or misdemeanor whether or not sentence was imposed or suspended, except minor traffic violations? If yes, explain fully.

NO HARM FELONY D DWI, 06 MAY, 2008. I ATTENDED AN ALCOHOL TREATMENT FACILITY AND WAS RELEASED FROM THE ASSIGNED FIVE YEAR PROBATION TIME PERIOD TWO YEARS EARLY. I BEGAN PURSUING AN EDUCATION AFTER THIS INCIDENT AND HAVE NOT HAVE ANY CHARGES SINCE.

☒ Yes☐ No

Have you ever been denied a professional license, certificate, permit, credential, endorsement, or registration? If yes, explain fully.

☐ Yes☒ No

Has your professional license (except for driver's license), certificate, permit, credential, endorsement, or registration ever been disciplined, suspended, revoked, reprimanded, restricted, curtailed or voluntarily surrendered or do you have any pending complaints before any regulatory board or agency or is there any investigation or adverse action now pending against you? If yes, explain fully.

☐ Yes☒ No

Have you ever resigned, been restricted, disciplined, or discharged from any position, including the armed forces, while under suspicion of having engaged in criminal, immoral, unethical behavior or unprofessional conduct, or are you under investigation for any such charge? If yes, explain fully.

☐ Yes☒ No

TYPE OF APPLICATION

CONTENT SUBSTITUTE

Selected Payment Type : Debit, Credit, eCheck payment
Actual Payment Type : Debit, Credit, eCheck payment
Application Fee : 50.00
Amount Paid : 50.00
Amount Remaining : 0.00
Payment Status : Paid
Comments :

I, the above named applicant, hereby affirm under penalties of perjury that I am the applicant referred to in the preceding application for a certificate of license to teach in the state of Missouri, and that all statements and enclosures are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that any misrepresentation of facts may result in the denial or revocation of the requested certificate(s). I submit for consideration this application as required by the Missouri law governing the practice of teaching. I understand that the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education may require further information of evidence that it deems reasonable and proper. Furthermore, I voluntarily consent to a thorough investigation of my present and past employment and other activities for the purpose of verifying my qualifications. In addition, I grant permission to access any court, FBI, or police records related to arrests and convictions related to good moral character or personal fitness pertinent to my certification, and to probation or

parole records as well.

RELEASE OF EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

I hereby give my recommending certification institution permission to release any and all information needed.

BY SELECTING "I Accept", I AGREE TO THE TERMS OF THE SWORN STATEMENT AND TO THE RELEASE OF MY EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION.

(Signature)

It is the policy of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability in its programs or employment practices as required by Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Inquiries related to Department programs and to the location of services, activities, and facilities that are accessible by persons with disabilities may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Office of the General Counsel, Coordinator-Civil Rights Compliance (Title VI/Title IX/504/ADA/Age Act), 6th floor, 200 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 480 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480; telephone number (573) 526-4757 or TTY (800) 735-2966, fax (573) 526-4853, email civilright@desse.mo.gov

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06NM-CR01275

ST V TIFFANIE B ATHERTON

Security Level: 3 Confidential

Case Type: AC Misdemeanor Case Filing Date: 13-Dec-2006
 Status: SIS Probation Success Completd
 Disposition: Guilty Plea Disposition Date: 15-Mar-2007
 OCN#: 87292399
 Arresting Agency: MOMHPEE00

	Release/Status Change Date	Reason
Judge	CHARLES L SPITLER (22015)	
Defendant	TIFFANIE B ATHERTON (ATHTB9307)	
Attorney for Defendant	BOYD ANDREW GREEN (45093)	
Prosecuting Attorney	LEWIS H RECKER (42347)	
Accident/DWIBAC:	DWI	Officer Badge No.: 578

Charge #	Charge Date	Charge Code	Charge Description
Original Charge: 1	10-Dec-2006	4742000	Dwi - Alcohol (Misdemeanor B RSMo: 577.010)
Ticket No: 060334892			
Disposition: 15-Mar-2007		Guilty Plea	
Order Date: 15-Mar-2007		Sentence or SIS:	Suspended Imposition of Sent.
Length: 2 Years		Start Date:	15-Mar-2007
Original Charge: 2	10-Dec-2006	4722500	Fail To Drive On Right Half Of Rdwy When Rdwy Was Of Sufficient Width (Infraction RSMo: 304.015)
Ticket No: 060334893			
Disposition: 15-Mar-2007		Dismissed by Prosec/Nolle Pros	

Program: PROBATION Agency: PROBATION/PAROLE DISTRICT 14
 Associated To: Charge 1
 Classification: SUPERVISED Outcome: Successfully Completed
 Start Date: 15-Mar-2007 Due to End: 15-Mar-2009 End Date: 15-Mar-2009

Filing Date	Description
13-Dec-2006	Uniform Traffic Ticket Filed Filed By: LEWIS H RECKER Arraignment Scheduled Scheduled For: 17-Jan-2007; 9:00 AM; CHARLES L SPITLER; Setting: 0; New Madrid
16-Jan-2007	Entry of Appearance Filed Filed By: BOYD A GREEN Request Filed for Discovery. Filed By: BOYD A GREEN Motion for Continuance Filed By: BOYD A GREEN
17-Jan-2007	Motion Granted/Sustained Defendant's attorney's Motion for Continuance is sustained. Matter is ordered continued to February 14, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Clerk to send notice. Scheduled For: 17-Jan-2007; 9:00 AM; CHARLES L SPITLER; Setting: 0; New Madrid Arraignment Scheduled

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OCT 20 2015

Marsha Meatte Holiman, Circuit Clerk
New Madrid County, Mo.By: 

Case continued from previous page.

06NM-CR01275 ST V TIFFANIE B ATHERTON Security Level: 3 Confidential**Scheduled For:** 14-Feb-2007; 9:00 AM; CHARLES L SPITLER; **Setting:** 0; New Madrid**14-Feb-2007 Hearing Continued/Rescheduled**

Upon information by phone and fax from attorney for defendant, Boyd A. Green, and in agreement with APA Amy M. Phillips, matter is continued to 3-15-07 at 9:00AM for arraignment.

Hearing Continued From: 14-Feb-2007; 9:00 AM**Arraignment Scheduled****Scheduled For:** 15-Mar-2007; 9:00 AM; CHARLES L SPITLER; **Setting:** 0; New Madrid**15-Mar-2007 Arraignment Held****Guilty Plea****Defendant Sentenced**


Defendant appears in person and by Boyd Green. Defendant enters a plea of guilty to the charge of DWI. Upon recommendation of the State and in accordance with plea bargaining, imposition of sentence is ordered suspended. Defendant placed on 2 years bench probation per the terms and conditions set forth on the probation sheet. Defendant assessed court costs of \$104.50, \$10.00 CVCF and ordered to pay \$300.00 CLERF; total \$414.50. Count II is ordered dismissed pursuant to plea bargain.

Sentence Date: 15-Mar-2007**Sentence:** Suspended Imposition of Sent.**Misd Costs Assc Tax-Reg-w/cost****Scheduled For:** 15-Mar-2007; 9:00 AM; CHARLES L SPITLER; **Setting:** 0; New Madrid
Associated To: TIFFANIE B ATHERTON**Judgment CVC \$10 - Alcohol****Judgement Against:** TIFFANIE B ATHERTON; **Amount:** \$10.00; **Satisfied Date:** 15-Mar-2007**Associated To:** TIFFANIE B ATHERTON**Judgment Entered****Judgement Against:** TIFFANIE B ATHERTON; **Amount:** \$404.50; **Satisfied Date:** 15-Mar-2007**16-Mar-2007 Record of Traffic Disp Issued**

The Record of Conviction was sent electronically to DOR and MSHP for charge number 1 violation 4742000 - Dwi - Alcohol. The charge was disposed as Guilty Plea

Record of Traffic Disp Issued

The Record of Conviction was sent electronically to DOR and MSHP for charge number 2 violation 4722500 - Fail To Drive On Right Half Of Rdwy When Rdwy Was Of Sufficient Width. The charge was disposed as Dismissed by Prosec/Nolle Pros

15-Mar-2009 SIS Probation Success Complet**A TRUE COPY****OCT 20 2015**Marsha Meatte Holiman, Circuit Clerk
New Madrid County, Mo.
By: 

Report: CZR0026

32ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
ASSOC CAPE GIRARDEAU (JACKSON)
CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET SHEET

Date: 13-May-2008
Time: 9:25:00AM
Page: 1

08G9-CR00786

ST V TIFFANIE B ATHERTON

Security Level: 1 Public

Case Type: AC Felony Case Filing Date: 06-May-2008
Status: Bndover Circ-Waive Prel Hrng
Disposition: Bndover Circ-Waive Prel Hrng Disposition Date: 12-May-2008
OCN#: G7011746
Arresting Agency: MOMHPEE00

Release/Status Reason
Change Date

Judge GARY ALBERT KAMP (27280)
Defendant TIFFANIE BROOK ATHERTON (ATHTB9307)
Attorney for Defendant BOYD ANDREW GREEN(45093)
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney JULIE HUNTER (51612)
Accident/DWIBAC: Accident & DWI Officer Badge No.: 119-MSHP

Charge #	Charge Date	Charge Code	Charge Description
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Original Charge: 1 06-May-2008 4741000 Dwi - Alcohol - Persistent Offender (Felony D RSMo : 577.010)

Ticket No: 060674454

Disposition: 12-May-2008 Bndover Circ-Waive Prel Hrng

Original Charge: 2 06-May-2008 4666200 Oper Mtr Veh On Hwy While Driver License/Privilege Revkd (Revkd For Points/Fail To Submit To Chern Test) (Misdemeanor A RSMo : 302.321)

Ticket No: 060674455

Disposition: 12-May-2008 Bndover Circ-Waive Prel Hrng

Filing Date Description

06-May-2008

Warrant Served

Document ID - 08-ARWA-453; Served To - ATHERTON, TIFFANIE BROOK; Server - ; Served Date - 09-MAY-08; Served Time - 00:00:00; Service Type - Sheriff Department; Reason Description - Served

Complaint Filed

Filed By: JULIE HUNTER

Probable Cause Statement Filed**Warrant Issued**

Document ID: 08-ARWA-453, for ATHERTON, TIFFANIE BROOK;
Service/Attempt Date: 09-May-2008
Bond Amount: \$5,000.00; Bond Text: CASH OR SURETY

07-May-2008

Entry of Appearance Filed

Filed By: BOYD A GREEN

Motion for Discovery

Filed By: BOYD A GREEN

Motion for Bond Reduction

FILED
MAY 12 2008
CHARLES P. HUTSON
CIRCUIT CLERK

08G9-CR00786

ST V TIFFANIE B ATHERTON

Security Level: 1 Public

Filed By: BOYD A GREEN

09-May-2008 Motion Granted/Sustained

09-May-2008

Motion Granted/Sustained

Filed By: GARY A KAMP

Order Reducing Bond

THE DEFENDANT'S BOND IS REDUCED TO \$5000.00 CASH/SURETY/10% PERMITTED WITH
THE FOLLOWING CONDITDNS:

THE DEFENDANT SHALL NOT LEAVE THE STATE OF MO

THE DEFENDANT SHALL SUBMIT TO ANY BLDDD, BREATH, OR URINE TEST REQUESTED BY
ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER LOCATED ANY WHERE

THE DEFENDANT SHALL NOT BE IN THE PRESENCE OR COMPANY OF ANY PERSON OR
PERSONS POSSESSING OR CONSUMING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL DRUGS

THE DEFENDANT SHALL NOT BE IN THE PRESENCE OR COMPANY OF ANY PERSDN OR
PERSONS ON PROBATION DR PAROLE DR WHO HAS PLED GUILTY DF OR BEEN CONVICTED
OF ANY FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR CHARGE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS SHALL CO-SIGN TO GUARANTEE THE BOND AND IN THE
EVENT THAT SAID BOND IS A CASH OR 10 PERCENT BOND SHALL AGREE THAT SAID CASH
MYA BE USED TO PAY ANY COSTS, FINES, OR RESTITUTION AT THE CONCLUSION DF SAID
CASE, SAID GUARANTORS ARE: CHUCK & ROBIN TINNON

THE DEFENDANT SHALL NOT POSSESS OR CONSUME ANY INTOXICATING BEVERAGES
/S/GAK. COPY TO SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Filed By: GARY A KAMP

Bond-Cash Bond Posted Full Amt

Bond ID: 08G9BND94; Amount Posted: \$500.00; Posted By: TINNON, ROBIN D

Initial Arraignment Scheduled

MOVED TO 1 PM DUE TO BOND POSTED

Scheduled For: 12-May-2008; 1:00 PM; GARY ALBERT KAMP; Setting: 0

12-May-2008

Initial Arraignment Hrng Held**Waiver of Formal Arraignment**

DEFENDANT WAIVES READING OF CHARGES

Filed By: TIFFANIE B ATHERTON

Bndover Circ-Waive Prel Hrng

State by MICHAEL MUETH, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Defendant in person and by BOYD
GREEN, Attorney. Defendant requests to waive preliminary hearing. Request granted. After advising
defendant of their rights, court finds defendant freely, voluntarily and knowingly waived right to
preliminary hearing. Court accepts waiver and orders defendant returnable in Circuit Court Division 1,
returnable on Monday, May 19, 2008 9:00 am. Defendant released on previous bond forfeited.

Bond Transferred

CASH BOND FDRFEITED TO CIRCUIT COURT

FILED
MAY 12 2008
CHARLES P. HUTSON
CIRCUIT CLERK



IN THE 32ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: WILLIAM L SYLER	Case Number: 08G9-CR00786-01 <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Venue County: Case Number: Offense Cycle No.: G7011746
State of Missouri Defendant: TIFFANIE BROOK ATHERTON	vs. Prosecuting Attorney/MO Bar No.: <i>Jack Koester 52177</i> Defense Attorney/MO Bar No.: BOYD ANDREW GREEN - 45093
DOB: 15-APR- SSN: SEX: F	Appeal Bond Set Date: Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Sentence Assessment Report Ordered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Sentence Assessment Report Waived	(Date File Stamp)

Judgment

Count No. <i>I</i> Charge Description: <i>OWI</i> Charge Code: <i>4741000</i> Statute: <i>577.010</i> Date of Offense: <i>5-6-2008</i>	Count No. <i>II</i> Charge Description: <i>OWR</i> Charge Code: <i>4666200</i> Statute: <i>302.321</i> Date of Offense: <i>5-6-2008</i>	Count No. Charge Description: Charge Code: Statute: Date of Offense:																
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<p>The defendant has been found beyond a reasonable doubt to be a:</p> <table border="0"><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Sexual Offender (558.018 RSMo)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Predatory Sexual Offender (558.018 RSMo)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Drug Offender (195.285, .291, .292, .295, or .296 RSMo)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Prior Drug Offender (195.285, .291, .295, or .296 RSMo)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Misdemeanor Offender (558.016 RSMo)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous Offender (558.016 RSMo)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Offender (558.016 RSMo)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Prior Offender (558.016 RSMo)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Domestic Violence Offender (565.063 RSMo)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Prior Domestic Violence Offender (565.063 RSMo)</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Persistent Offender (Intoxication-related Traffic Offense) (577.023 RSMo)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Prior Offender (Intoxication-related Traffic Offense) (577.023 RSMo)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Aggravated Offender (577.023 RSMo)</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Offender (577.023 RSMo)</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</td><td></td></tr></table> <p>on <i>July 7, 2008</i> (date).</p> <p>The court:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Informs the defendant of verdict/finding, asks the defendant whether (s)he has anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced, and finds that no sufficient cause to the contrary has been shown or appears to the court.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Defendant has been advised of his/her rights to file a motion for post-conviction relief pursuant to Rule 24.035/29.15 and the court has found</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probable cause <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No probable cause</p> <p>to believe that defendant has received ineffective assistance of counsel.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Finds the defendant has pled or been found guilty of a dangerous felony, as defined in Section 556.061 RSMo, and if committed to the Department of Corrections, must serve at least 85% of the sentence.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Finds the defendant has pled or been found guilty of an offense for which probation and parole are not authorized.</p>			<input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Sexual Offender (558.018 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Predatory Sexual Offender (558.018 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Drug Offender (195.285, .291, .292, .295, or .296 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior Drug Offender (195.285, .291, .295, or .296 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Misdemeanor Offender (558.016 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous Offender (558.016 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Offender (558.016 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior Offender (558.016 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Persistent Domestic Violence Offender (565.063 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior Domestic Violence Offender (565.063 RSMo)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Persistent Offender (Intoxication-related Traffic Offense) (577.023 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior Offender (Intoxication-related Traffic Offense) (577.023 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aggravated Offender (577.023 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Offender (577.023 RSMo)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
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On count I, the Court:

- ☐ Suspends imposition of sentence. Defendant is placed on probation for a period of _____ under the supervision of _____. Defendant shall comply with the conditions set forth in the separate Order of Probation.
- ☒ Sentences and commits the defendant to the custody of Mo Dept of Corrections for a period of 4 years. Sentence to be served
- ☒ Concurrent ☐ Consecutive with CT II, this case
- ☐ Probation Time Credit: _____
- ☒ Suspends execution of sentence. Defendant is placed on probation for a period of 5 years under the supervision of probation & parole. Defendant shall comply with the conditions set forth in the separate Order of Probation.
- ☐ Fines the defendant \$ _____. The court stays \$ _____ with the remainder due by _____ (date).

On count II, the Court:

- ☐ Suspends imposition of sentence. Defendant is placed on probation for a period of _____ under the supervision of _____. Defendant shall comply with the conditions set forth in the separate Order of Probation.
- ☒ Sentences and commits the defendant to the custody of Cape Co Jail for a period of 60 Days. Sentence to be served
- ☒ Concurrent ☐ Consecutive with CT I, this case
- ☐ Probation Time Credit: _____
- ☒ Suspends execution of sentence. Defendant is placed on probation for a period of 2 years under the supervision of probation & parole. Defendant shall comply with the conditions set forth in the separate Order of Probation.
- ☐ Fines the defendant \$ _____. The court stays \$ _____ with the remainder due by _____ (date).

On count _____, the Court:

- ☐ Suspends imposition of sentence. Defendant is placed on probation for a period of _____ under the supervision of _____. Defendant shall comply with the conditions set forth in the separate Order of Probation.
- ☐ Sentences and commits the defendant to the custody of _____ for a period of _____. Sentence to be served
- ☐ Concurrent ☐ Consecutive with _____
- ☐ Probation Time Credit: _____
- ☐ Suspends execution of sentence. Defendant is placed on probation for a period of _____ under the supervision of _____. Defendant shall comply with the conditions set forth in the separate Order of Probation.
- ☐ Fines the defendant \$ _____. The court stays \$ _____ with the remainder due by _____ (date).

The court orders:

- ☒ The clerk to deliver a certified copy of the judgment and commitment to the sheriff.
- ☐ The sheriff to authorize one additional officer/guard to transport defendant to the Department of Corrections.
- ☒ That judgment is entered in favor of the state of Missouri and against the defendant for the crime victims compensation fund for the sum of
☐ \$10.00 ☒ \$46.00 ☐ \$68.00.
☐ Satisfied ☒ Unsatisfied
- ☐ Judgment for the State of Missouri and against the defendant for appointed counsel services in the sum of \$ _____
☐ Satisfied ☐ Unsatisfied
- ☒ Costs taxed against Defendant
- ☐ Costs waived.
- ☐ Defendant to report immediately to the _____ Department for fingerprinting. The Defendant is ordered to submit to the fingerprinting, and is further ordered to provide all information necessary for the officer taking the fingerprints to fully complete all identification and photograph portions of the standard fingerprint cards.

- ☐ §217.785 RSMo Missouri Post Conviction Drug Treatment Program
☐ Non-Institutional ☐ Institutional
- ☐ §217.362 RSMo Court Ordered Long-Term Substance Abuse Program
- ☐ §217.378 RSMo Regimented Discipline Program
- ☐ The court sentences §559.115(2) RSMo General Population Department of Corrections shall provide a report and recommendation whether probation should be granted.

The court recommends placement to:

- ☐ §559.115(3) RSMo Institutional Treatment Program Department of Corrections shall provide a report and recommendation whether probation should be granted. (Statutory Discharge)
- ☐ §559.115(3) RSMo Sexual Offender Assessment Unit Department of Corrections shall provide a report and recommendation whether probation should be granted.
- ☐ §559.115(3) RSMo Shock Incarceration Program Department of Corrections shall provide a report and recommendation whether probation should be granted. (Statutory Discharge)

The court further orders: _____

So Ordered:

July 7, 2008
 Date

Wm. W. Sykes
 Judge

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original Judgment and Sentence of the court in the above cause, as it appears on record in my office.

(Seal of Circuit Court)

Issued on

July 7, 2008
 Date

Karen Noble Spick
 Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Case No. 08G9-CR00786-01
v.)	
)	
TIFFANIE BROOK ATHERTON)	
487 Graystone Circle)	
Whitewater, MO 63785)	
White/F DOB: 04/15 [REDACTED])	
SSN: [REDACTED])	
SID: MO82027045)	
FBI: 909941PC4)	
OCN: G7011746)	PA File No. 03I043613
)	
Defendant.)	

INFORMATION IN A FELONY CASE

COUNT: I

The Prosecuting Attorney of County Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant either acting alone or knowingly in concert with another, in violation of Section 577.010, committed the class D felony of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011, 560.011, and 577.023, RSMo, in that on or about May 6th, 2008, at Route OO, in the County of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and

on or about March 15, 2007, defendant had pleaded guilty to or had been found guilty of driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on December 10, 2006, in the Circuit Court of New Madrid County, Missouri, and

on or about June 20, 2007, defendant had pleaded guilty to or had been found guilty of driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on March 18, 2007, in the Municipal City Court of Jackson, Missouri and the judge was an attorney and defendant was represented by an attorney or waived counsel in writing..

Charge Code: 4741004.0

COUNT: II

The Prosecuting Attorney of County Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant either acting alone or knowingly in concert with another, in violation of Section

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302.321, RSMo, committed the class A misdemeanor of driving while license was revoked, punishable upon conviction under Sections 302.321, 558.011 and 560.016, RSMo, in that on or about May 6th, 2008, in the county of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle on a highway, Route OO, during a time when the defendant's operator's license was revoked under the laws of this state, and acted with criminal negligence with respect to knowledge of the fact knew or was aware that the defendant's operator's license was revoked.

Charge Code: 4666206.0

WITNESSES:

Sergeant Blaine L. Adams, 119, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri Highway Patrol, 216 N. Missouri, Jackson, MO 63755

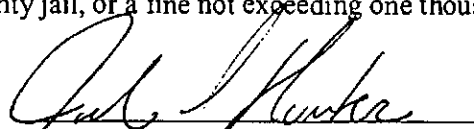
Tammy Renee Atherton, 487 Graystone Circle, Whitewater, MO 63785

Marion Gene Farrow, 395 Graystone Circle, Whitewater, MO 63785

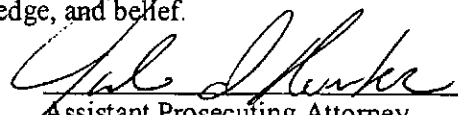
PUNISHMENT:

Count I: One day to one year imprisonment in the county jail, or one to four years imprisonment in a state correctional facility, or a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by both such imprisonment and fine.

Count II: One day to one year in the county jail, or a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both such imprisonment and fine.


Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Julie A. Hunter, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Cape Girardeau, State of Missouri, being duly sworn upon oath, state the facts stated in the above information are true according to her best information, knowledge, and belief.


Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of May, 2008.

CLERK OF THE COURT

BY: Kare Nale DepClk

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CAPE GIRARDEAU (JACKSON)
CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET SHEETDate: 24-Aug-2011
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Page: 1**08G9-CR00786-01 ST V TIFFANIE B ATHERTON****Security Level: 1 Public**

Case Type:	CC Felony	Case Filing Date:	12-May-2008
Status:	Costs &/or Fines Paid in Full		
Disposition:	Guilty Plea	Disposition Date:	07-Jul-2008
OCN#:	G7011746		
Arresting Agency:	MOMHPPE00		

Release/Status Reason
Change Date

Judge	WILLIAM L SYLER (23648)
Defendant	TIFFANIE BROOK ATHERTON (ATHTB9307)
Attorney for Defendant	BOYD ANDREW GREEN(45093)
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	JULIE HUNTER (51612)

Current Bond: Bond Applied 10-Jul-2008**Accident/DWIBAC:** Accident & DWI **Officer Badge No.:** 119-MSHP

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Charge #	Charge Date	Charge Code	Charge Description
Original Charge: 1	06-May-2008	4741000	Dwi - Alcohol - Persistent Offender (Felony D RSMo : 577.010)

Ticket No: 060674454

Disposition: 07-Jul-2008 Guilty Plea

Order Date: 07-Jul-2008

Sentence or SIS: Incarceration DOC

Length: 4 Years

Start Date: 07-Jul-2008

Text: Sentenced 4 years MO Dept of Corrections and placed on 5 years probation with Probation & Parole.

EXECUTION OF SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Concurrent: 2 08G9-CR00786-01 Conc/Cons Case & County: CONCURRENT WITH CT II, THIS CASE

Original Charge: 2	06-May-2008	4666200	Oper Mtr Veh On Hwy While Driver License/Privilege Revkd (Revkd For Points/Fail To Submit To Chem Test) (Misdemeanor A RSMo : 302.321)
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Ticket No: 060674455

Disposition: 07-Jul-2008 Guilty Plea

Order Date: 07-Jul-2008

Sentence or SIS: Incarceration Jail

Length: 60 Days

Start Date: 07-Jul-2008

Text: Sentenced 60 days County Jail, suspended execution of sentence and placed on 2 years probation with Probation & Parole.

EXECUTION OF SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Concurrent: 1 08G9-CR00786-01 Conc/Cons Case & County: CONCURRENT CT I, THIS CASE

Program: PROBATION

Agency: MISSOURI BOARD OF PROBATION & PAROLE

Associated To: Charge 1

Classification: SUPERVISED

Outcome: Successfully Completed

Start Date: 07-Jul-2008

Due to End 06-Jul-2013 End Date: 19-Aug-2011

Program: PROBATION

Agency: MISSOURI BOARD OF PROBATION & PAROLE

Associated To: Charge 2

Classification: SUPERVISED

Outcome: Successfully Completed

Start Date: 07-Jul-2008

Due to End 06-Jul-2010 End Date: 07-Jul-2010

Filing Date	Description
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12-May-2008 Judge Assigned

Arraignment ScheduledScheduled For: 19-May-2008; 1:30 PM; WILLIAM L SYLER; Setting: 0; Cape Girardeau (Jackson)
BONDED

13-May-2008 Bond-Percentage Bond Posted

BOND AMOUNT: \$5,000; 10% received in the amount of \$500.

Bond ID: 08CJBND30; Amount Posted: \$500.00; Posted By: TINNON, ROBIN D

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15-May-2008 Information Filed
Filed By: JULIE HUNTER

Motion for Discovery
Filed By: JULIE HUNTER

Filing:
Notice of Disclosure filed.
Filed By: JULIE HUNTER

19-May-2008 Arraignment Held
State appears by Jack Koester. Defendant appears in person and by Boyd Green. Defendant is formally arraigned and pleads not guilty. Cause set for appearance in Jackson on June 2, 2008.

Plea of Not Guilty Entered

Case Review Scheduled
Scheduled For: 02-Jun-2008; 1:30 PM; WILLIAM L SYLER; **Setting:** 0; Cape Girardeau (Jackson)
BONDED OFF-CONTINUED TO 7-7-2008 DIV I LAW DAY

30-May-2008 Motion for Continuance
Filed By: BOYD A GREEN
02-Jun-2008 **Motion Granted/Sustained**

02-Jun-2008 Hearing Continued/Rescheduled
State appears by Jack Koester. Defendant appears not but attorney by fax. Defense counsel advised court clerk that defendant was in treatment facility and requested a continuance. Cause continued to July 7, 2008 law day in Jackson.
Hearing Continued From: 02-Jun-2008; 1:30 PM

Motion Granted/Sustained

Case Review Scheduled
Scheduled For: 07-Jul-2008; 11:30 AM; WILLIAM L SYLER; **Setting:** 0; Cape Girardeau (Jackson)
BONDED

07-Jul-2008 Case Review Held
State appears by Jack Koester. Defendant appears in person and by Boyd Green. Defendant withdraws plea of not guilty and pleads guilty.

Guilty Plea
Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty signed and filed in open court.

Sent Assessment Report Waived

Defendant Sentenced
CT I Sentenced 4 years MO Dept of Corrections, suspended execution of sentence and placed on 5 years probation with Probation & Parole.

CT II Sentenced 60 days County Jail, suspended execution of sentence and placed on 2 years probation with Probation & Parole.

Order for Supervised Probation
Probation & Parole to supervise probation on CT I for 5 years and on CT II for 2 years with special conditions.
Filed By: WILLIAM L SYLER

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Special Conditions

1. Pay costs and assessments on a schedule.
2. Obtain and maintain full time, verifiable employment or part-time employment in conjunction with continuing education
3. Not to consume intoxicants.
4. Not to enter establishment where alcohol is the primary item for sale.
5. Submit to blood, breath or urine test.
6. Enter and complete Intake Program.
7. Follow any program, training or treatment as ordered by probation officer.
8. Not to associate with known felons or drug users.
9. Not to use any non-prescription or illegal drugs.
10. Not to refuse breathalyzer testing.

Filed By: WILLIAM L SYLER**Judgment CVC \$46 - Alcohol****Judgment Against: TIFFANIE ATHERTON; Amount: \$46.00; Satisfied Date: 09-Oct-2008****Associated To: TIFFANIE B ATHERTON****Felony Costs Tax-Reg-w/costs****Associated To: TIFFANIE B ATHERTON****Costs Ordered to Def**

09-Jul-2008

Record of Traffic Disp Issued

The Traffic Disposition was sent electronically to DOR and MSHP for charge number 1 violation 4741000 - Dwi - Alcohol - Persistent Offender. The charge was disposed as Guilty Plea

Record of Traffic Disp Issued

The Traffic Disposition was sent electronically to DOR and MSHP for charge number 2 violation 4666200 - Oper Mtr Veh On Hwy While Driver License/Privilege Revkd (Revkd For Points/Fail To Submit To Chem Test). The charge was disposed as Guilty Plea

10-Jul-2008

Bond Applied

28-Jul-2008

Probation Order

Order of Probation filed by Probation & Parole.

31-Jul-2008

Filing:**Filed By: TIFFANIE B ATHERTON**

09-Oct-2008

Costs &/or Fines Paid in Full**Satisfaction of Judgment Filed**

CVC Judgment satisfied.

06-Jul-2010

Order- Probation Discharged

CT II, SES probation discharged.

11-Jan-2011

Order

It is hereby ordered that Defendant shall be allowed to travel to Mexico, via cruise ship, for the period 4-28-2011 to 5-2-2011.

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Order- Probation Discharged

Upon request of Board of Probation & Parole, it is hereby ordered that Defendant be granted an early discharge from probation.

CT I SES, Probation discharged.

Filed By: WILLIAM L SYLER

STATE OF MISSOURI }
COUNTY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU } SSI, Patti Wilbenmeyer, Clerk of the Circuit Court,
in and for said County, hereby certify that the above and
foregoing is a true copy of the original Court Record as the
same appears on file in my office.IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set My
Hand and affixed the Seal of said Court as Jackson, Missouri.

Dated

10-20-15


Deputy

Patti Wilbenmeyer, Circuit Clerk



Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor



George A. Lombardi
Director

State of Missouri
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Board of Probation and Parole
Ad Exelleum Conamur - "We Strive Towards Excellence"

Tiffanie Atherton
Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701

Dear Tiffanie,

I am writing this letter at your request regarding your past probation. On 7-7-08, you were placed on five years supervised probation with our office for Driving While Intoxicated. On 8-9-11, you were granted an Early Discharge from probation by the Circuit Court of Cape Girardeau County, Division I. If you need anything further, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hopper", is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Hopper
State Probation and Parole Officer
District #22

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Tiffanie B Atherton DMH ID 4031565
 ADA Family Counseling Center, Inc. 5/29/2008 - 6/30/2008

View Discharge

Consumer

Face Sheet

Demographics

Benefit/Eligibility

Consumer Res

Screenings

View Assmt

Episodes of Care

Admission

Assessments

ATR Voucher

Authorizations

Commitments

Court Orders

Diagnosis

Discharge

EOC Summ

Female Pres

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Medical Pres

Individualized Pack

Problems

Programs

Services

My Organization

Reports

Help

Division ADA

Provider Site Family Counseling Center, Inc.

Discharge Reason Consumer Completed Treatment

Discharge Date 06/30/2008 **Discharge Time** 11:00

**Discharge
Diagnosis Code** 303.90 - Alcohol Dependence

Follow Up Type Community self help

Referral Given No

Comments

Date Added: 5/29/2008 4:39:38 PM **Added By:** DMH\mybuo1s

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October 29, 2015

DESE Conduct and Investigations,

I appreciate the opportunity to explain my background and will be providing your office with all the requested information shortly. Much of the paperwork has been gathered, but I am still waiting on two more items. Hopefully everything will reach you within the next week or two, but I simply wanted to touch base. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tiffanie Atherton

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November 11, 2015

Kim Miller
Conduct and Investigations
Office of Educator Quality

I am writing this letter in concerns to my background check. The following contains an explanation of my criminal record, my activities, jobs and school since my criminal record, and why I wish to teach for Missouri.

Explanation of Criminal Record

If you refer to my criminal record, you will see that all charges were within a three year time period. I've tried writing this letter numerous times in an effort to explain it, but truth be told, I don't remember much of what occurred during those years. In 2005 I turned twenty-one and used my license to drink along with a variety of excuses ranging from my place of business closing down to not being able to attend school, but these were just excuses and I used them to drink. I quickly became a party girl and developed an alcohol dependency. For the remainder of this time period, all I recall doing was working and drinking when I wasn't working. I assume in my intoxicated state that the idea that I couldn't drive seemed silly or perhaps never occurred to me. Either way, I managed to make the same mistake over and over. Looking back, I'm so embarrassed with how I use to be. Shortly before my last arrest, the felony, I moved out of city limits and away from the bars. The night before my last arrest, March 5th, 2008, I went out to the bars after work with some co-workers. I stayed out all night and ended up staying the night with a friend in town. The next morning I awoke and headed home. I don't know if I didn't realize that I was still under the influence or if I simply didn't care, but on my drive home, I wrecked my vehicle in a one person accident which resulted in the felony conviction. This was the best thing that could have happened to me. Having no vehicle and living far away from any bars prevented me from being able to continue on my path of destruction. It gave me time to sober up and forced me to take a look at all the mistakes I had made. At this point in time, I realized I needed help. With the encouragement of my family, I contacted the only know addition treatment center I knew of in our area, Family Counseling Center, and put myself on their waitlist. I checked in for a 30-day treatment lockdown on May 29th, 2008. The treatment was excellent and encouraged me to reflect on the damage I had caused and reevaluate where I was headed. I checked out on June 30th, 2008 with a plan. I was going to become someone that my family and I could be proud of. I applied to Southeast Missouri State University for the fall of 2008 to continue my college education that I had abandoned in 2004. This leads to the next subject of my activities, jobs and school since my criminal record.

Activities, Jobs and School since my Criminal Record

In June, a month before the fall semester, I moved into an apartment bordering campus property with my cousin. With no vehicle or license, I moved as close as possible to campus to prevent myself from developing excuses not to attend. I knew from past experiences that excuses were an easy out and I wanted none of them. Additionally, I knew living with my cousin who had no taste for alcohol would be a blessing and a huge encouragement to my sobriety. I applied to multiple student job positions on campus, all of whom turned me down due to my criminal background. While familiarizing myself with the campus, I took a stroll through the Instructional Resources Technology Center. I stopped and filled out an application with a heavy heart, knowing it was just another dead end. Not only did I have my background baggage, I knew very little about computers. Amazingly, the administrative assistant, Jennifer, called me in for an interview. She was working on her Master's degree with the emphasis being

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the employment of felons and encouraging businesses to help reenter them into the workplace. She hired me on the spot. I later learned that her boss, the manager of the IRTC, had informed her not to hire me. She took a leap of faith. I'm not sure if she saw something in me during that first interview, if I was a pity case, or simply that she looked past my background, but her extension of kindness was the best thing that had happened to me in years. This linked my education and employment into one group. I couldn't screw up one without affecting the other, just what I needed. The first year was hard. I still had the desire to drink, but thanks to my cousin's support, my new job, and my class load, I had things that were more important than a drink. Over time, my desire to drink and even the thought of alcohol in general dwindled. I was so focused on my education and driven by my desire to achieve something great that I poured myself entirely in my education. I worked for the IRTC during the spring and fall semesters all throughout my undergrad program and learned more than I had ever expected about not only computers, but myself too. The IRTC fell under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education, DOE. The staff quickly realized that I was an excellent employee with a desire to be the best and offered me a position during the summer months as not to have a gap in employment. This cycle continued throughout my entire undergraduate program, working for the IRTC during the fall and spring, and the DOE during the summers. In May 2013 I completed my Bachelor's degree graduating Magna Cum Laude and additionally completed the University's Jane Stephen's Honor Program. I was ready for my next life adventure and already had a game plan. The previous summer in 2007 I had taken a research course as an honor's contract with Dr. Michael Taylor. My contract agreement was that I would identify all the fishes collected while shocking the Little Black River that summer. About half way through the course, Dr. Taylor came to me to congratulate me on my superior work and offered acceptance into his Master's program if it was something I was interested in pursuing. In addition, he offered me a Teaching Assistantship under the Biology Department. It didn't take me long to accept. I had always been interested in teaching and had looked into becoming a teacher, focusing in science, during my undergrad. However, due to my background and being under probation, the Dean of the DOE, Dr. Noe, advised me that I would be unable to complete such degree because she couldn't allow me to do the student teaching required by the degree while under probation, so I pursued science, hoping it would one day get me into the classroom. I applied to the Master's program under Dr. Taylor and was accepted without hesitation. In the fall of 2013 I became a Master's student and began teaching biology courses for SEMO. While most of my colleagues were responsible for the lab portion of a course, I was given the responsibilities of teaching my course solely. This gave me the awesome opportunity to learn all the ins and outs of teaching a course including preparing lesson plans, executing such plans, grading, student interactions, and the online components. I stayed in this position from fall 2013 to spring 2015, teaching during the normal semesters, doing research during the summers, and conducting swamp rabbit surveys for SEMO and the Department of Conservation during the winters. I worked additional positions whenever possible throughout the two years, including work in the Biology office and taking care of the Sugar Glider and Flying Squirrel colonies on campus. I did everything I could to become more involved in my education and department. My teaching contract ended after the spring of 2015 and I started working for Trail of Tears State Park, TOTSP, under Missouri's Department of Natural Resources. I applied to teach college courses at a few local colleges and was offered a position to teach for East Central College, ECC, beginning fall 2015. I currently continue to work for TOTSP and ECC. ECC has requested that I stay on with them for the foreseeable future, offering both a winter-intercession course and possibly two courses this next spring, 2016. In addition to my schooling and employment, I also found it was important for me to start giving back to my community. I became a foster parent for the local Human Society, volunteered during all the Friends of the Park clean up days, and hosted three rooms for the biology department's Halloween Science Night in 2013. I offered my assistance any time I heard of an opportunity, including judging science fair projects at the District level for the area's K-12 school systems. I simply wanted to help and become more involved whenever possible. Along with my

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current jobs, I am working on completing my Master's degree. While I have completed all course with a 4.0 GPA, the research portion and identification of over 2000 fish took more time than originally expected. I am currently revising the introduction to my thesis, having the rest of my thesis already approved. I expect to have it completed this fall semester, although I won't officially graduate until spring 2016. This leads us to the topic of why I wish to teach for the Missouri K-12 school system.

Why I Wish to Teach for Missouri

As previously stated, I had original interests in becoming a teacher, but was unable to pursue the degree during my undergraduate work due to being on probation. While I was released from probation two years early, and may have been able to switch my degree, I was already invested in the biological sciences. Having two and a half years teaching for higher education, I believe I would excel in the K-12 school system. I invest myself in my student's education, not just because it's my job, but because I truly care about their education and their future. In my experience, a quality education supports good decisions and a love of learning leads to amazing opportunities, even at a young age. Upon the birth of my daughter, Evie, in 2013, my love for children expanded even more and I was reminded of why I wanted to be a teacher to begin with, to guide the innocent to a positive path. All of my current extra time is invested in Evie's learning and she is excelling. I have faith that given the opportunity and guidance, all children can achieve amazing things and it would be nothing short of an honor to be a part of that process. Missouri is my home. I was born 30 minutes from my current home and this is where my children will attend school. Assuming no giant life change occurs, I intend to raise my children right here in Whitewater, Missouri and would be pleased to have the opportunity to teach for our local school districts.

I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to explain my background. It's an ugly part of my history that is incredibly embarrassing and I couldn't be more ashamed. At the same time, I have accepted it as part of my life's journey and have come to the realization that I wouldn't be the person I am today if these events hadn't occurred. It's a tough reminder of where I could have ended up and drives me to ever improve myself and move forward. Thank you again for your time.

Tiffanie Atherton

Jackson R-2 School District
614 E. Adams Street
Jackson, MO 63755

November 2, 2015

Dear Colleagues:

Ms. Tiffanie Atherton has asked me for a letter in support of her application for a position as a substitute teacher in the Jackson School system. This I will do gladly. I have known Ms. Atherton for more than 4 years, both as an undergraduate and a graduate student in a number of my upper division courses, as a regular fixture in the zoology labs, and as a field technician on several swamp rabbit surveys for the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Ms. Atherton is bright, has a keen interest in vertebrate natural history, is a tireless worker, and is absolutely reliable. She works hard and has earned the respect of our biology faculty and her fellow graduate students. She is committed to a career in science, and always makes a significant effort to develop a deeper understanding of an issue or problem. She has both the intellectual skills and the motivation necessary for success in science, and I suspect that ultimately she will make significant contributions to both science and education.

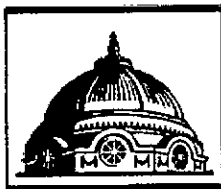
Ms. Atherton is liked by her fellow students, she has a quick wit and an interesting, well developed, sense of humor. She is easy to get along with and easy to work with in the field, even when conditions are challenging. If a position were open in my lab, I would hire her without a second thought. Her teaching here at Southeast Missouri State University is excellent, and she is respected by the students and faculty alike. When TA assignments are made, there is competition amongst the faculty to have Ms. Atherton assigned to specific courses or individuals. Given the opportunity, I think you will discover Ms. Atherton to be a genuine asset to your program and your students, and her contributions will be significant.

Sincerely,

John S. Scheibe Ph.D
Professor of Biology

573-651-2379
jscheibe@semo.edu

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October 23, 2015

Dr. John Link, Superintendent
Jackson R-2 School District
614 E. Adams St.
Jackson, MO 63755

Re: Tiffanie Atherton

Dear Dr. Link,

I write to recommend Tiffanie Atherton for the position of substitute teacher for your district. Tiffanie worked for me for four years as a student assistant in the Instructional Resources and Technology Center for the College of Education at Southeast Missouri State University. Her professional demeanor, impeccable initiative, and positive attitude made her an invaluable resource in the IRTC. On the job, Tiffanie was a hard worker and a capable multitasker who valued customer service.

Tiffanie spent her undergraduate career pursuing a degree in biology with a concentration in conservation. As a graduate student at Southeast's Natural Sciences master's program, she also served as a teaching assistant for an undergraduate level process science biology course; since her graduation, she has also been serving as an adjunct instructor for East Central College. I am sure her experiences in these arenas would serve her well as a substitute.

While I have not had the opportunity to observe Tiffanie in the classroom as either a student or a teacher, she exhibits a passion about her field that is refreshing. She has a true love of learning for its own sake. For one of her undergraduate classes, Tiffanie spoke often of actively seeking opportunities to complete additional work for a course project on her own time simply so she could learn more about the subject and gain more experience with the material.

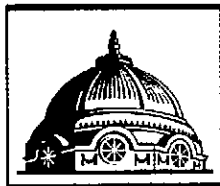
I believe that Tiffanie Atherton would make an excellent substitute teacher. Her enthusiasm for studying in her field seems boundless; I am certain she would bring this enthusiasm to the classroom. I hope you will give her application every consideration. If you have any questions, or if I may amplify this information in any way, please feel free to contact me at lmuellet@semo.edu or 573-651-5124. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lori Mueller

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Dr. Lori Mueller; Instructor
Harrison College of Business
Southeast Missouri State University



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Tiffanie Atherton. Tiffanie worked as a Graduate Assistant in my office for approximately one semester. In my years of experience, I would be hard-pressed to find another person of Tiffanie's caliber. Her work ethic, enthusiasm, and positive energy radiates from her.

My office handles a great deal of sensitive materials. If something is misplaced or not handled properly, there could be potentially serious consequences. I have to be extremely particular as to who I have working in my office because of this. Tiffanie picked up on all my office's procedures and expectations right away. It did not matter the task, if I asked her to do something, her immediate answer was always, with a smile, "My pleasure." She not only had the right attitude, she worked hard, was never off task, and always completed the tasks set before her in a proficient timely manner. I am happy she is moving on in her professional career, but, to be honest, selfishly I wish I could keep her here.

As I stated before, Tiffanie Atherton has a fantastic work ethic, enthusiasm, and positive energy that was both productive and contagious. I know Tiffanie, with all of her wonderful attributes, will go far in her career and accomplishments. Thank you for considering her.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandy Hepler".

Brandy Hepler, MA
Director of Field and Clinical Experiences
Southeast Missouri State University
One University Plaza
Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701
Office (573) 651-2151
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